

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN RANCH 9-26-20

Trail maps for various segments in Estrella Mountain Ranch

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Ranch/>

Estrella Foothills Park Elliott TH Through Tunnel Loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch).

Rating C. This is a 6.8 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 750 ft. The hike starts at a parking lot off Elliott Drive on an old road. It follows the power line road to a tunnel across Estrella Parkway. It then makes a one-mile loop through an interesting short canyon before returning through the tunnel. It then follows several trails, making loops along the way. There are nice views of the Estrella Mountain community. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly a good hiking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - Elliott Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south)
PCP becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.
Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area
Turn left on Elliott (light just past shopping area)
Park at the far end (dirt parking area)

Estrella Community Lake Loop plus Trail to Safeway (Estrella Mountain Ranch). Rating

C. This is about a 7 mile hike with an elevation gain of about 700 ft. It starts with a loop of the South lake and then follows a trail long the ridgeline to the Safeway. There are 3 US flags along the route as well as a giant rabbit and other interesting sites. There are nice views of the Estrella Mountain community. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - the lake loop is concrete with the rest is mostly a good hiking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 25 miles RT.

Directions to Estrella Community lake Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south)

PCP becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area

Turn right on Elliott (light just past shopping area)

Turn left into the school sports complex parking lot

Park at this end of the parking lot.

Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch). Rating C+. This is a 7.5 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1250 ft on several trails of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There are also a couple of interesting areas - an enchanted forest of stuffed animals and a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition - overall, this is a good biking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRanch/Fantasy-Island-North>

Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue for approx. 12.5 miles from Eagle's Nest.

Turn right on West Westar Drive.

Go approx. 1.1 mi. and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maint building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).

No restrooms. No park fee.

Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) North loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch). Rating

D. This is about a 4 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 460 ft on several trails in the Western part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There is an interesting area - an enchanted forest of stuffed animals.

Trail condition - this is a very good biking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the

trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles

RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRanch/Fantasy-Island-North>

Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue for approx. 12.5 miles from Eagle's Nest.

Turn right on West Westar Drive.

Go approx. 1.1 mi. and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maint building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).

No restrooms. No park fee.

Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) South loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch). Rating

D. This is about a 3.7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 400 ft on several trails in the eastern part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There is an interesting area - a boneyard of dozens of cow bones.

Trail condition - this is a very good biking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the

trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles

RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRanch/Fantasy-Island-North>

Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue for approx. 12.5 miles from Eagle's Nest.

Turn right on West Westar Drive.

Go approx. 1.1 mi. and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maint building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).

No restrooms. No park fee.

Star Tower Multi-Loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch -- Star Tower) Rating C. This is a 6.7

mile multi-loop hike with an elevation change of 900 ft. The hike goes through typical desert terrain near the Estrella community. The high point on the hike provides distant views of the surrounding area. This is another biking area developed by the same group as FINS and Estrella Foothills Park. They use interesting names for the trails. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 18 miles.

Directions to Star Tower Trailhead

Head south out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy, which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue for just over 8 miles.

Turn right just past the Star Tower

Park in the curved parking area.

No restrooms. No park fee.

Star Tower to tunnel Lollipop Loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch -- Star Tower) Rating C.

This is a 6.2 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation change of 600 ft. The hike goes through typical desert terrain near the Estrella community and provides distant views of the surrounding area. This is another biking area developed by the same group as FINS and Estrella Foothills Park. There is a small, but interesting canyon in the lollipop segment of the hike. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 18 miles.

Directions to Star Tower Trailhead

Head south out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy, which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue for just over 8 miles.

Turn right just past the Star Tower

Park in the curved parking area.

No restrooms. No park fee.